AIR RAID SHELTERS AT ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI—CONSTRUCTION OF

244. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has taken any steps in the following directions.—

(*a*) the construction of air raid shelters at Ernakulam and Mattancheri;

(*b*) the collection of sand bags at Ernakulam and Mattancheri; and

(*c*) the digging of trenches at Ernakulam and Mattancheri for the protection of the civilian population?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) As an experimental measure two slit trenches; one in Ernakulam and the other in Mattancheri are being constructed.

(*b*) The Administrative Officer, Cochin Harbour, who is also the Chairman of the Cochin A. R. P. Area Committee has offered to supply sand bags for use in Ernakulam and Mattancheri. The matter is under correspondence with him.

(*c*) Please see answer to (*a*) above.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—CONTINUING OF PERSONS APPOINTED IN ONE VACANCY IN OTHER VACANCIES

245. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a rule for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board that candidates appointed to officiate in a vacancy should not be allowed, before the expiry of the term of that particular vacancy to act in another vacancy?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. But they can be given promotion to higher grades as and when chances arise, during the tenure of their officiating appointments.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS—EXEMPTIONS FROM AGE-BAR GRANTED IN 1116 AND 1117

246. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have given exemption from age-bar to any candidate in 1116 and 1117 for appointments to posts falling within the purview of the Staff Selection Board;

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